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**VULCANIZED RUBBER COMPOSITIONS** )  
**BY THE USE OF THERMOPLASTIC** )  
**ELASTOMER COMPOSITIONS** )

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-034076 - An English language translation and English language abstract of this document are enclosed.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-282400 - An English language translation and English language abstract of this document are enclosed.
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-035822 - This document corresponds to US Publication No. US 2004/0010090 A1, which is cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08.
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 09-040814 - An English language translation and English language abstract of this document are enclosed. The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.
5. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-051814 - An English language translation and English language abstract of this document are enclosed.
6. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-096671 - An English language translation and English language abstract of this document are enclosed.

Also enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing documents 1-3, 5 and 6, and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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